

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 6 - 8 stand allowed. Claims 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of Lofgren. In view of the above amendment and the indications of allowability, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow the present application to issue.

With regard to the outstanding rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), claim 17 has been amended to include the structural recitations that distinguish the present invention from the prior art. All claims not dependent upon claim 1 or claim 17 remain canceled.

In view of the present amendment and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of record and allow the present application to issue. No new matter is introduced. However, should there remain any open issues in this application which might be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at 320-363-7296 to further discuss the advancement of this application.

Sincerely,



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